

**COMMUNIQUÉ FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF RESEARCH: COLLEGE OF
HUMANITIES**

**CALL FOR FUNDING: MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS
FOR EMERGING RESEARCHERS**

TO: ALL YOUNG AND EMERGING ACADEMIC STAFF, COLLEGE of Humanities

The College of Humanities is pleased to invite applications for funding under the *College Grant for Multidisciplinary and Collaborative Research Projects*, aimed at empowering emerging researchers (Lecturers and Senior Lecturers) and fostering collaboration across disciplines. As part of our commitment to developing research capacity and promoting cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research aligned with global trends, the College will support approximately five (5) projects, each up to the value of **R120,000**.

Eligibility and Guidelines:

1. **Team Composition:** Each project must be led by a Principal Investigator (PI) with at least two (2) Co-Principal Investigators (Co-PIs). All team members must be *emerging researchers* (Lecturer or Senior Lecturer level) based at UKZN.
2. **Multidisciplinary Requirement:** Projects must involve researchers from at least two different disciplines, as per the current University reorganisation framework. Preference will be given to proposals that include participants from two Schools within the college.
3. **Allowable Use of Funds:**
 - Fieldwork and research-related travel.
 - Hosting research-focused workshops, seminars, or study groups involving internal and/or external stakeholders.
4. **Non-Allowable Expenditures:**
 - Teaching and marking relief.
 - Conference attendance.
 - Hiring of short-term research assistants.

Submission Process:

Interested applicants must complete the attached application form and submit it to Mrs Siphindile Ntanta: NtantaS@ukzn.ac.za by **17 October 2025**. For further inquiries, please contact the College Research Office.

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